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PRIVATISATION OF POWER DISTRIBUTION WORK
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether revenue earnings are likely to be increased as a result of assigning the power distribution work to the private sector under the power reforms programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have also decided to bring improvement in the power technology along with the work of distribution of power assigned to the private sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir, provided the private distribution companies take the necessary steps to reduce transmission and distribution losses, improve billing and collection.

(d) & (e) : Improvements in the power technology are being envisaged under the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) launched by theGovernment of India. The programme envisages Conversion of the existing LowVoltage Distribution System into High Voltage Distribution System (HVDS) whichcovers reduction of LT lines by taking High Voltage line upto the load centre and supplying power through smaller capacity energy efficient distribution transformers, Geographic Information system, Installation of capacitors − switched/automatic and fixed capacitors, customer indexing, Management Information System Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system, Distribution Automation, Customer inter-face automation, Communication facilities, Customer relationship management systems along with increasing use of information technology. The other innovative measures under this programme include, network planning, load management, reduction of outages and interruptions, efficient metering, meter reading billing collection, reliability index, elimination of commercial losses, reduction of technical losses, increase in revenue, trouble call management, customer satisfaction, etc.